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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Request for Briefing of the National Security Policy and Scientific Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee on the Soviet MIRV Program

1. Mr. John H. Sullivan, Staff Consultant for the National Security Policy and Scientific Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, called Mr. Maury today and told him that the Chairman, Mr. Zablocki, would like the Director to brief his Subcommittee on the Soviet MIRV program either Tuesday or Thursday of next week. Mr. Maury indicated that this raised some problems which we would have to check with the Chairman of the full Committee, Dr. Morgan. He also indicated that the Director was committed for another briefing on Tuesday. Mr. Sullivan said Representative Zablocki would not be very happy about this. Then Mr. Maury indicated that we would have to take this up with Boyd Crawford, Staff Administrator of the full Committee.

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3. Mr. Crawford asked me if an appearance before Zablocki's Subcommittee would pose problems for us. I told him he was aware of our past practice and policy with respect to briefings of this sort and was also aware of the problems we had run into following these briefings (without being specific I was referring to the leaks and other statements which had been made by Foreign Affairs Committee members about the Director's briefings in the past.)

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Crawford was quite candid. [REDACTED]

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Mr. Crawford said he would take this up with Chairman Morgan and be in touch with me. He added that a solution would be to have the Director brief Chairman Zablocki privately.

4. When he called back, Crawford said Dr. Morgan feels that the arrangements for these hearings are such that he must endorse Zablocki's request for an Agency briefing. He added that a very strong statement was being prepared on the subject of security leaks (citing examples) which would be read prior to our testimony. He also said Dr. Morgan had indicated that if any of the problem members came into the briefing the Director should feel free to "clam up." The date which has been suggested for the briefing is Thursday, 31 July, at 2:00 p.m. I told Mr. Crawford that this had not been discussed with the Director; that we would take it up with him and be back in touch with them--hopefully this afternoon.

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